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For: INVERTER CIRCUIT, FLUORESCENT TUBE  
LIGHTING APPARATUS, BACKLIGHT  
APPARATUS, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY

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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the present application.

This preliminary amendment includes:

- Amended Claim Set; and
- Remarks.